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SUBJECT: DEATH OF BRUCE CARSON

FOR: MR. AND MRS. DAVID C. CARSON

923 COLUMBIA RD

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(TEL:608-238-5660)

1. I DEEPLY REGRET TO INFORM YOU OF THE PRESUMED DEATH OF YOUR SON, BRUCE CARSON ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1975 ON THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT TRISUL, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA. THE DEATH WAS REPORTED TO THE EMBASSY BY DAN ANTONY EMMETT AND FRANK B. MORGAN, AMERICAN CITIZENS AND MEMBERS OF TRISUL EXPEDITION WITH YOUR SON. THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS REPORTED, WAS DUE TO HIS FALLING SEVERAL HUNDRED FEET FROM A CORNICE ON THE SUMMIT RIDGE. THE BODY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND AND ACCORDING TO EMMETT ATTEMPTS TO RETRIEVE BODY WERE IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THE AREA WHERE YOUR SON FELL IS INACCESSIBLE. THEY ASSUME THAT HE COULD NOT SURVIVE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CLIFF WHICH IS NEARLY VERTICAL AT AN ALTITUDE OF 23,000 FEET. ALSO SURVIVAL WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE YOUR SON LACKED HEAVY CLOTHING, FOOD AND SHELTER.

2. EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF DEATH FROM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. EMMETT STATED HE IS RETURNING TO U.S. ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND WILL REPORT TO YOU WITH COMPLETE DETAILS SURROUNDING YOUR SON'S DEATH. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SYMPATHIES IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. SAXBE

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